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AMEMBASSY TEGUCIGALPA

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1. WORRIED MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE OFFICIAL VISITED

EMBASSY MARCH 29 IN ATTEMPT TO CLARIFY ITEM WHICH APPEARED IN LIMA,
PERU EL COMERCIO MARCH 21, REGARDING ECUADOREAN MUSHROOM EXPORTS.

2. OFFICIAL SHOWED EMBOFF NEWS ITEM WHICH ORIGINATED IN TEGUCIGALPA,
HONDURAS (LATIN PRESS AGENCY), AND WHICH STATED IN SUBSTANCE THAT
U.S. EMBASSY IN HONDURAS HAS WARNED HOST GOVERNMENT OF "MORTAL
DANGER" REPRESENTED BY MUSHROOMS CANNED BY U.S. COMPANY (READ
AMCESA, AMERICAN MUSHROOM COMPANY) IN ECUADOR. ARTICLE ALSO GOES
ON TO SAY THAT U.S. DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS HAVE ADVISED HOST GOVERN-
MENTS OF CONSUMER COUNTRIES OF SERIOUS DANGER TO PUBLIC HEALTH
WHICH "ROYAL TREAT" MUSHROOMS REPRESENT. SOURCE OF INFORMATION
REPORTEDLY IS HONDURAN MINISTRY OF PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICIAL LUIS
MANGUIA GUERRERO.

3. ARTICLE REACHED MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY UNDER COVER
OF NOTE FROM ECUADOREAN COMMERCIAL ATTACHE IN LIMA, WHO REPORTED
FAILURE THUS FAR TO CONVINCE GOP TO PERMIT RE-ENTRY OF ECUADOREAN
MUSHROOMS. ONE OF REASONS CITED FOR GOP REFUSAL IS ABOVE ARTICLE.

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4. IN VIEW OF MINISTRY'S CONCERN AND SENSITIVITY OF THIS SUBJECT,
EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING WHICH INSTRUCTIONS, IF ANY,
OTHER U.S. POSTS HAVE RECEIVED IN AFTERMATH OF MID-JANUARY MUSHROOM
SCARE INVOLVING AMCESA EXPORTS. MINISTRY HAS REQUESTED CLARIFICATION
OF ARTICLE.
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